Attorney's Docket No.: 10797-004005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ann M. Lees et al.

Art Unit : Examiner:

Serial No.: Filed

: Herewith

Title

: NOVEL LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN BINDING PROTEINS AND THEIR

USE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendments and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 8 pages.

Enclosed is a check for the filing fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10797-004005.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg. No. 47,443

Fish & Richardson P.C.

45 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 2800 New York, New York 10111

Telephone: (212) 765-5070 Facsimile: (212) 258-2291

30153377.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail Label No. <u>EF045063629US</u>

July 9, 2003

Date of Deposit